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KONCHALSKI AND BLACKWELL NAMED TO LOYOLA STAFF

Loyola's Department of Physical Education and Athletics announced the appointment of Stephen Konchalski as Co-ordinator of Men's Intercollegiate and Intramural Athletics and Russ Blackwell as Trainer and Equipment Manager.

Both men bring impressive credentials to their new positions. Konchalski obtained a law degree from Dalhousie University after completing his undergraduate work at Acadia University. As an undergraduate, he led Acadia to a national basketball championship in 1965, and was twice named to the All-Canadian Team as a forward.

Blackwell has had twenty years experience as a trainer and equipment manager. He was highly recommended by one of his former employers, Sam Etcheverry. Blackwell served under the Alouette Head Coach when the latter served in the same capacity with the Montreal Rifles. Loyola's new Trainer and Equipment Manager has had a unique relationship with the College prior to his appointment. His daughter, Linda Blackwell Phelan, and son-in-law, Chris Phelan, graduated from Loyola last spring.

Konchalski will be replacing John McConachie and Blackwell will be assuming the position formerly held by Ed Nowalkoski. McConachie resigned to accept a post in Ottawa as Executive Assistant of the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union. Nowalkoski resigned to accept a position on the faculty of physical education at York University.

Loyola's Director of Physical Education and Athletics, Ed Enos, in announcing the staff changes commented: "We wish to publicly thank both John McConachie and Ed Nowalkoski for their many contributions to our program. To officially recognize these contributions, we have designated Saturday, September 25th as 'Appreciation Day'".

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